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SAL EMBASSY TODAY RECEIVED ABOUT 100 WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS ON
ARA PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON CUBAN SITUATION FROM MEMBERS BRITISH
IO PUBLIC. MAJORITY OF THESE CRITICAL OF U.S. ACTION ON GROUNDS
DAC SOVIET ROCKETS IN CUBA NO DIFFERENT U.S. ROCKETS IN TURKEY,
ISA U.S. BLOCKADE OF CUBA PROVOCATIVE AND WORLD WAR THREATENED BY
P U.S. ACTION.

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USIA EMBASSY ALSO PICKETED THROUGH MUCH OF DAY BY SMALL NUMBER OF YOUTHS
SCA CARRYING OR SHOUTING "HANDS OFF CUBA" OR "NO NUCLEAR WAR OVER
SCS CUBA" SLOGANS. ABOUT A DOZEN PUSHED WAY INTO CHANCERY IN
NSC MORNING AND STAGED SITDOWN PROTEST IN ATTEMPT TO SEE AMBASSADOR
INR AND RECEIVE FROM HIM PROMISE THAT U.S. WOULD NOT INITIATE
CIA WORLD WAR OVER CUBA. WRITTEN STATEMENT ACCEPTED FROM THEM
NSA BY EMBASSY OFFICER AND THEY WERE THEN CARRIED OUT BY COOPERATIVE
OSD LONDON POLICE.

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NAVY PROTESTS CLEARLY ORIGINATED FOR MOST PART FROM PROFESSED
AIR COMMUNISTS OR NUCLEAR DISARMERS.

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A OPR ON BRIGHTER SIDE, TWO AMERICAN RADIO CORRESPONDENTS FOUND
OPR "MAN IN THE STREET" LARGELY IN FAVOR OF PRESIDENT'S ACTION.
RMR IN COURSE OF 12 INTERVIEWS FOUND ONLY 2 CRITICAL. CONSENSUS
BY SEVERAL NEWSMEN THAT FEELING OF PUBLIC MORE RECEPTIVE
TO MEASURES ANNOUNCED THAN EDITORIAL COMMENTS (SENT TO
USINFO) WOULD INDICATE.

TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT MAY HAVE PREVENTED ORGANIZERS OF
PROTESTS GETTING FULLY INTO ACTION TODAY. INCREASED ACTIVITY
BEGINNING THIS EVENING LONDON AND ELSEWHERE IS EXPECTED.

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MANCHESTER CONSULATE HAVE REPORTED RECEIVING PETITION OF
PROTEST WITH 200 SIGNATURES.

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